

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Application of

GRAND CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD,

For an Order Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782 to Conduct
Discovery for Use in Foreign Proceedings

Case No. 1:20-mc-00215-AKH

**ORDER GRANTING *EX PARTE* MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO SERVE ADDITIONAL THIRD-PARTY SUBPOENAS**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon the Application of Grand Capital Asset Management Ltd, as expected claimant in the contemplated proceeding against Gulf Technical Commercial Printing Press LLC (“Gulf Technical”) before the Sharjah Court of First Instance, major circuit, in the United Arab Emirates (“Contemplated Proceeding”), for Judicial Assistance Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782. The Court, having considered the Memorandum of Law, and the Declaration of Thomas Vandenaabee and accompanying Exhibits, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

- A. Applicant has met the requirements under 28 U.S.C. § 1782 for granting the requested judicial assistance and relief.
- B. For purposes of the instant Application, the following financial institutions and corporate entities reside or are found in the Southern District of New York: MetLife, Inc., Mashreqbank PSC, ICICI Bank Limited, New York Branch, and Bank of Baroda (together the “Additional Respondents”).
- C. The documentary and testimonial discovery sought through this Application is for use in proceedings pending before a foreign tribunal.
- D. The Applicant is an interested person within the meaning of the statute, in its capacity as expected claimant in the foreign proceeding.

E. The discretionary factors, as described by the United States Supreme Court in *Intel Corp. v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.* (542 U.S. 241, 247 (2004)), weigh in favor of granting the requested assistance.

F. More particularly: (1) the Additional Respondents are not expected to become parties to the Contemplating Proceeding, thus, the need for this discovery is more apparent; (2) there is no indication that the foreign tribunal would not be receptive to U.S. federal-court judicial assistance as requested in the Application; (3) the Application does not conceal an attempt to circumvent foreign proof-gathering restrictions; and (4) the Application seeks discovery that is not unduly intrusive or burdensome as the Application requests evidence of the type normally produced by financial institutions or corporate entities as third parties or parties in litigation.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **ADJUGED** as follows:

1. The Application is **GRANTED**.
2. Any Discovery taken pursuant to this Order will be governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
3. The Applicant's request for leave to conduct discovery including, but not limited to, leave to serve subpoenas in substantially similar form as the form attached to the Declaration of Thomas Vandenaabeele and to take testimony is **GRANTED**.
4. The Applicant's request to be appointed as the person with the power to administer any necessary oath and take testimony or a statement is **GRANTED**.
5. The Additional Respondents are ordered to preserve all relevant and potentially relevant evidence in their possession, custody or control until such time as Applicant

communicates to them that the preservation is no longer necessary or until further order of this Court.

6. Applicant is further authorized to issue and serve additional follow-up subpoenas on the Additional Respondents or third parties as may be necessary to obtain the documentary and testimonial evidence for use in the Contemplated Proceeding.

7. Applicant is not required to serve the Application upon Gulf Technical, the Discovery Subjects and the Respondents as defined in the Declaration of James Fox (DE#2), and the Additional Respondents.

8. Applicant is not required to serve this Order or subpoenas to the Additional Respondents upon Gulf Technical and the Discovery Subjects.

9. Nothing in this Order should be construed to prevent or otherwise foreclose Applicant from seeking modification of this Order or leave of Court to serve any additional subpoena on a person or entity.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 27 day of August, 2020.

Alvin K. Hellerstein /s/

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
United States District Judge